# Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

# USO tour brings smiles to Soldiers' faces

Spc. Ricardo Branch 1st BCT Public Affairs

CAMP RAMADI, Iraq - The United Service Organization brought its Holiday Troop Visit Tour to the servicemembers and civilians with a special show at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation center, Dec. 19 at Camp

Adm. Michael G. Mullen, the 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, opened the show to an excited crowd of more than 600 attendees.

"You all do a lot for your country, thanks for what you're doing," said Mullen. "I know you all didn't come here to see me talk so let's get this show started!"

The MWR center was filled with a sea of digital camouflage, as Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and civilians crowded around the stage to cheer, watch, and laugh as the celebrities came out to entertain them.

Miss USA, Rachel Smith opened up the show. Next, comedian Lewis Black came out with his standup comedy, which brought about many laughs from those attend-

"This is awesome," said Sgt. Gerald Murdock, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. "It's a really good show and the morale's up for many people today."

The show also featured famous comedian Robin Williams, musician Kid Rock and cyclist Lance Armstrong. Armstrong always expressed a desire to visit the troops overseas to show his support. When he was approached for a trip into Iraq by Williams and the USO, he agreed immediately.

"It's been an amazing trip for us," he said. "I'm still trying to figure out how I got placed between Lewis Black and Robin Williams because I'm just a bike racer - and a retired one at that."

After causing some laughter in the audience,

Armstrong became serious.

"I think for us back in the United States, we have good lives," he said. "We have great opportunities."

"I now have a new sense of perspective to be focused and be committed. You guys have given us the greatest Christmas present we can get, and that's not to take things for granted."

Armstrong, who is on his first trip with the USO, said the commitment and dedication from servicemembers to defend the country is something he'll never forget.

"What you all have done by signing up to be here and defend our freedom and our country was your choice," he said. "It was a selfless commitment to come here and defend America. When I get home, I'm going to tell my children of the thousands of heroes I met over here on this

Following Armstrong, Williams had his own take on the experience of traveling in Iraq.

"For everyone of us, everyday here is an extraordinary thing," he said. "You meet people and come away with such energy. We're all having a great time with these shows, and I just wanted to say get home safe and thanks."

Williams entertained the crowd with more standup before Kid Rock came and stole the show with every song he performed.

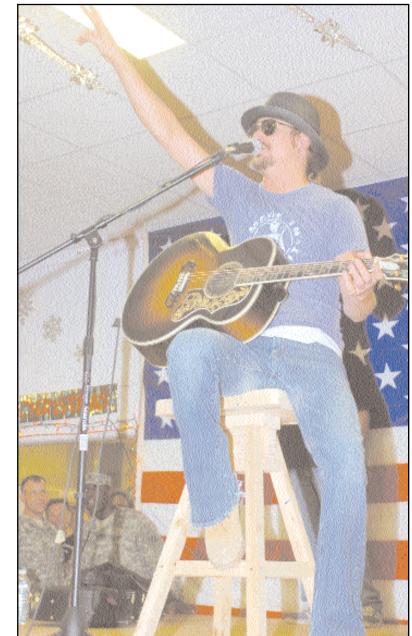
"I was going to come here and play a couple of Christmas songs," Rock said. "I think I'll start with the songs I grew up with instead."

Kid Rock played "Sweet Home Alabama" as the crowd sang and clapped along. After a few more classic rock and roll tunes, he played some new songs he wrote this year and sent the crowd in an uproar with applause and

Since the USO's creation in 1941, many celebrities have lent their time and talents to visit military bases around the world. The holidays are a time when celebrities come out in force to show their support to the armed forces.

Spc. Ricardo Branch

Kid Rock plays guitar for military servicemembers during the USO show at the Ramadi MWR center, Dec. 19 at Camp Ramadi, Iraq.



# New mural encourages character for Hunter children



**Kaytrina Curtis** Hunter Public Affairs

From the colors of their hair to the twinkle in their eyes, each animal painted on the walls of the Child Development Center entrance gives customers a new welcome as they enter the facility on Hunter Army Airfield. Amarys Martinez, CDC director, started depicting a mural of six animals on the entrance wall; each one representing a pillar of character.

Martinez hopes the mural will encourage the children to learn about the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, citizenship and caring.

The project took approximately one nonth to complete. Martinez came in nights and weekends to get the project done.

"The children would notice that there was

something different on the wall (each day),' she said.

Martinez realized she needed assistance and accepted the helping hands of Family member and customer, Anna De Stefano, spouse to Capt. Michael De Stefano of 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment.

Once Martinez finished painting the giraffe, De Stefano, a graduate of Liceo Aristico in Italy, took on the project with

De Stefano donated approximately 30 hours of her time to help complete the pro-

Martinez said she is happy with the responses she gets from the children and with De Stefano's work.

"She (De Stefano) helped us and did a wonderful job. She is very talented,

Family member, Anna De Stefano puts the finishing touches on the mural she completed at the Hunter CDC, Jan. 4.

# Stewart to open new teen center

**Lance Davis** Frontline Staff

If you are a teen looking for the ideal place to call your space, you need not look any further. Dagmar Peguero-Olinger, Child and Youth Services division chief, anticipates the opening of a new teen center here at Fort Stewart in mid-to-late 2009. Plans are ready, and the construction begins later this year near the Newman Fitness Center.

"The key players have been the teens," insisted Peguero-Olinger.

This project started with a mere conversation of adults and teens. One of those teens was Family member, Kelly McKinnon. "The adults asked us what we wanted and a teen center was one of the few things we wanted," said Kelly McKinnon.

This discussion led to the actual planning and



Lance Davis

Kelly McKinnon, Family member, plays a game of chess at the Youth Center on Stewart.

implementation of a teen center. According to McKinnon, a group of teens designed the layout of the center, which will include but not be limited to a café, game room, cinema room, computer access, a dance floor, and more. A name has not been determined at

When comparing the youth center to the upcoming teen center, the teen center will target socializing and having fun.

"The existing youth services primarily provide educational services and a safe haven for them to do their homework," Peguero-Olinger said. "The teen center will be a less structured environment where teens can socialize and have fun under some adult supervision of course."

The teen center targets older teens ages 15-18. The centralized location will be convenient for older youth who do not live in the Bryan Village area where the youth center is located.

Col. Todd Buchs, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, has been heavily involved in meeting the needs of the youth, especially the teens, at this installation, Peguero-Olinger said. The Army Community of Excellence has significantly funded this

"If we didn't have the support of the garrison, we wouldn't get a teen center or any of the opportunities we have," McKinnon said. "It would really be cool if some of the Soldiers would come and interact with us at the teen center because many of us don't know a lot about the Army."

Soldiers and other adults on the installation are welcomed to volunteer and will receive training on how to relate with older youth.

"I'm very glad this new center is going to be at our installation. Teens are a very vital part of the Army Family and we want them to know they have a helping hand, listening ear, and place to call their own' Peguero-Olinger said.

For more information about the new teen center, call Child and Youth Services at 767-4491.

# Talented youth, coordinators receive awards for excellence

Molly O'Hearon MWR Publicity Specialist

The award ceremony for the 2007 Annual U.S. Army Festival of Performing Arts and Recreation Program Events Competition was held Jan. 14 at the Youth Center.

The festival highlighted more than 1,000 participants at 27 events presented by 17 different military Garrisons.

The Military Teen Idol competition was held in June 2007. The event was judged Armywide among all youth talent competitions and both talent competitors and coordinators were recognized.

The Fort Stewart Military Teen Idol won third place for outstanding variety entertainment production. Leslie Rangel, instructional program specialist for SKIES Unlimited, received a third place award for outstanding producer. Luis E. Camacho Vargas, computer lab technology specialist, received a second place award for outstanding director. Mark Ross, Chid and Youth Services pro-

gram assistant, received a third

place award for outstanding

emcee.

The talent winners for Military Teen Idol were Ira Boatner, third place for outstanding instrumental soloist; Trey McInnis and Dominique Kempf, third place for outstanding rap music performance; Jazmin Smith, third place for outstanding spoken word; Joey Lliso, second place for outstanding vocal instrumental soloist; Jennifer and Ashley Morris, second place for outstanding vocal instrumental group; Josh Perr, second place for outstanding rap music performance; Neosha Capers, first place for outstanding individual specialty; and Ariel Fernandez, Jawan Hill, Travis Morrigstar, and Quentin Coleman, first place for outstanding vocal instrumental.

The Missoula Children's Theatre was held in July 2007.

The winners for the Missoula Children's Theatre's presentation of "The Tales of Hans Christian Anderson," were Evan Crowther as Hans, Ashley Thompson as Anna, and Kaylee Boen as The Emperor.

All winners received a trophy and first place winners also received an Ipod Nano.



Courtesy photos



# Soldiers, Families display Holiday spirit



Kris Smith
Marne Television

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield congratulated holiday decoration contest winners after community members showed their spirit in brilliant displays in unit areas and within the housing areas.

First place for the garrison office competition went to the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Corkan Family Recreation Area's spray park with honorable mention going to the Directorate of Information Management.

The military unit category third place winner, earning a \$250 award went to 4th Brigade's 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment; second place, with a \$500 award went to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aviation at Hunter, and the first place winner was 1st Brigade Combat team's 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery's "Glory Guns", earning the \$1,000 award.

The holiday home decoration contest winners at Stewart was the Seavey Family in Liberty Woods with their attention to detail and Mr. and Mrs. Clause wooden-cut out display; second place went to the Massey Family in the Southern Oaks housing area; and first place went to the Gavin Family in Bryan Village North housing area.

At Hunter, the Chavez Family displayed creative flare with lollipops and a gingerbread house, earning third place. Second place went to the Conway Family, they added a nice touch with Christmas music.

The first place winner was the Ware Family, which won top honors despite an incident with their cat and an inflatable decoration.

Housing winners earned gift checks for \$100, \$50, and \$25 for first, second and third places, respectively.

# **MWR** Briefs

### Heroes at home play group

Join play group for military Families of infants to preschool age 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Saturday at the Child and Youth Services Youth Center, building 7338. Parenting information and activities provided. 767-0016

### Fort Stewart annual teen lock-in

Youth from other military installations from within Georgia and surrounding states are invited to come out and join us 11 a.m, Saturday to 7 a.m, Sunday at the Youth Center, building 7338. The event is an all night event filled with fun, food, laughter and many exciting activities. Open to all Stewart-Hunter teens (ages 13-18) who are military affiliated. Space is limited. Cost \$25 members and \$35 non-members. For more information, call 767-4491.

### Roller skating under the stars

Bear the cold and get the Family outdoors for an evening of roller skating from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday at Corkan Family Recreation (tennis courts between Corkan Gym and Newman Fitness Center). Cost is \$2 per person and \$1 roller skates rental, weather permitting. For more information, call 767-4273

### Tell Me A Story event slated

Military Child Education Coalition hosts a "Tell Me a Story" event, 2 p.m., Feb. 17 at Club Stewart. This week's story will be "Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot," by Margot Theis Raven. The 3rd Infantry Division Family Support Group Leader, Sarah Lynch, will be the guest reader and every Family will get to take home a free copy of the book. Admission is free. Space is limited. For reservations, call 877-5330. The

event is also at School Age Services at are now offered Thursday afternoons, 5:30 to Hunter, Jan. 12. 6:30 p.m.

### Join fitness program

Sign up now for the Civilian Fitness Program that runs now through April 10. Call Eli Wilson at Tominac Fitness Center, 315-2019, and go online at *www.stew-artmwr.com* for the information you need to participate.

### Play All "U" Can Play

Play All "U" Can Play at Hunter Golf Course after 11 a.m., Jan. 21 to 24. Cost is \$22 for military and retirees and \$26 for guests. Call 315-9115 for information.

### **Come to Animal Crackers**

This introduction to nature will take place 10 a.m., Jan. 22 at CYS Youth Center, for children, ages 3-5. Cost is \$2 per child. Call 435-8205 for information.

### Bench press competition slated

Come to the Tominac Fitness center, noon, Jan. 23, to bench press percentages of body weight. Prizes awarded to winners. Call 315-2019 for information.

### Dive-in Movie

A Dive-in Movie is scheduled 5 p.m., today at the Tominac Fitness Center. Relax in the pool while enjoying the movie, Shark Tale. Call 315-2019 for information.

### Juice bar comes to Tominac

Smooth Operator has opened in the Tominac Fitness Center offering smoothies, coffee, drinks and snacks. Check it out!

### Splash into fitness

Water aerobics class hours extended. In addition to classes Tuesdays and Thursday mornings at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., water aerobics

6:30 p.m.

Fort Stewart Library Book Club

Join fellow readers and participate in book discussions. The club will meet from 7 to 8 p.m., today at the Fort Stewart Library. Free books will be provided to club members for use in the discussion. Spaces is limited to 20 readers. For more information, call 767-2828.

### **Moonlight Bowling at Stewart Lanes**

Let the night owls shine at Stewart Lanes with bowling from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Jan. 19.

The snack bar will have a special menu available featuring funnel cakes and nachos. The cost is \$2 per game/person and \$.75 shoe rental. For more information.

### **Rock Climbing Wall contest**

Come show off your rock climbing skills at Tominac Fitness Center at 5 p.m., Jan 30. Participants will be judged on speed and difficulty. Prizes will be awarded to winners. For more information, call 315-2019.

### Newcomer's Expo slated

New Soldiers and Families are invited to come learn about the area and learn more about the community. The event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m., Jan. 24 at Hunter Club. Door prizes, refreshments and a variety of information will be available. For more information, call 315-2694.

### Come to employment workshop

Come learn what the Family Readiness Employment Program has to offer and get an employment overview within a 50-mile radius. You will also be able to view current job vacancies. The workshop will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jan. 24 at the Education Center. For more information, call 767-1257.

### Sign up for volleyball

Unit level volleyball sign ups at Hunter for 12-member team rosters are due by COB Feb. 29. For more information, call Mike Hughes at 315-4160.

### encouraged to make a cardboard boat to compete in our cardboard boat regetta. The

Cardboard Boat Regatta at Hunter

Units, organizations and FRG groups are

race will be held at noon, Feb. 9 at the Tominac Fitness Center. Register by Feb. 6. For more information, call 315-2019.

Valentine's Day at Marne Lanes

Come enjoy Valentine's Day with the one

### you love. Bowling at Marne Lanes is only \$.75 per game and free shoe rental when you

\$.75 per game and free shoe rental when you bring in a loved one from 5 to 8 p.m., Feb. 14.For more information, call 767-4866.Valentine's Day at Club Stewart

### Children invite your Family members out

to enjoy a special Valentine's dinner at Club Stewart. Kids should be at Club Stewart at 4 p.m., Feb. 14 to decorate for the special meal. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Reservations are required. For more information, call 368-2212.

### Play Dodgeball at Hunter

Come join us for a fun time at the Dodgeball Tournament at Tominac Fitness Center. The tournament will be held 10 a.m., Feb. 16. There is no cost to participate, but participants must register by Feb. 13. For more information, call 315-2019.

### **Teen Night Out at Marne Lanes**

Teens are invited to enjoy a night of bowling from 10 p.m. to midnight, Feb. 16 at Marne Lanes. You can enjoy a game of bowling, a pair of bowling shoes and a small drink for only \$4.50. For more information, call 767-4866.

### Pets of the Week



Bella the kitten and Queezy the puppy are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



### AAFES PRESENTS

JAN 17 TO 20



### The Mist

**Today— 7 p.m.** (Thomas Jane, Marcia Gay Harden)

Following a violent thunderstorm, artist David Drayton and a small town community come under vicious attack from creatures prowling in a thick and unnatural mist. Local rumors point to an experiment called the 'The Arrowhead Project' conducted at a nearby top-secret military base, but questions as to the origins of the deadly vapor are secondary to the group's overall chances for survival. Retreating to a local supermarket, Drayton and the survivors must face-off against each other before taking a united stand against an enemy they cannot even see. Rated R (violence, terror, gore, language) 125 min

### The Golden Compass Friday, Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Nicole Kidman, Dakota Blue Richards)

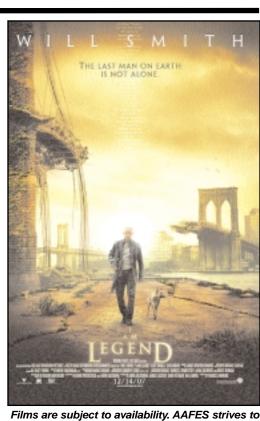
Based on author Philip Pullman's novel, 'The Golden Compass' is an exciting fantasy adventure, set in an alternative world where people's souls

manifest themselves as animals, talking bears fight wars, and Gyptians and witches co-exist. At the center of the story is Lyra, a 12-year-old girl who starts out trying to rescue a friend who's been kidnapped by a mysterious organization known as the Gobblers - and winds up on an epic quest to save not only her world, but ours as well. *Rated PG-13 (fantasy violence) 112 min* 

### I Am Legend

Saturday— 7 p.m. (Will Smith, Alice Braga)

Robert Neville is a brilliant scientist, but even he could not contain the terrible virus that was unstoppable, incurable...and manmade. Somehow immune, Neville is now the last human survivor in what is left of New York City...and maybe the world. But he is not alone. He is surrounded by "the Infected"--victims of the plague who have mutated into carnivorous beings who can only exist in the dark and who will devour or infect anyone or anything in their path. Rated PG-13 (intense sequences of sci-fi action & violence) 122



show films according to the published schedule, but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

# HEALTH MATTERS

# Winn Army Community Hospital

# Advocacy program assists Wounded Warriors TRICARE's Southern region

### Special to the Frontline

Navigating the Military Health System is getting easier for Wounded Warriors and their Families thanks to a new advocacy unit in TRICARE's Southern Region. The Warrior Navigation and Assistance Program provides guidance to Active Duty and Guard and Reserve servicemembers as they transition through the MHS.

Established by Humana Military Healthcare Services, the managed care support contractor for TRICARE's Southern Region, the WNAP offers one-on-one assistance with many unique health care challenges servicemembers may face.

Issues may include access to care; or simply the need for information on all available resources.

A dedicated toll-free number can be used by servicemembers transitioning through the health care system. Calling 888-4GO-WNAP provides direct access to a multi-disciplinary team with the mission to assist servicemembers and/or their Family members.

The WNAP incorporates four elements: tools and information for the

servicemembers; program management; clinical programs; and provider education and resources.

Resources on the HMHS Web site at www.humana-military.com include the "Information and Resources for Combat Veterans" brochure. Health care providers can find tools and resources addressing the unique needs of servicemembers returning home from deployment.

Care management initiatives include behavioral health support and assistance with seamless transition for servicemembers and Families for the care they need, when they need it. There is also expanded outreach to Guard and Reserve members with transition coordinators delivering detailed TRICARE benefit education.

WNAP services via the toll-free line are available to those who live in the TRICARE Southern Region which includes South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and all but the southwestern corner of Texas. Web site tools and information are available to anyone worldwide with computer access.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital** 

#### December 15

• Aniya Nicole Cody, a girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Pfc. Avery Cody and Pfc. Ashley Jackson.

#### **December 22**

- *Macy Rae McAllister*, a girl, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Sgt. Kyle McAllister and Anna McAllister.
- *Drake Zedekiah Williams*, a boy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Brandon Williams and Ashley Williams.
- Aniyah Arie Dryer, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Prince Dryer Jr. and Lindsey Butler (dependent daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Carl Butler).

### December 23

- Adrian Ezekiel Flores, a boy, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Alejandro Flores and Priscilla Flores.
- MacKenzie Reaghan Frenchko, a girl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Pfc. Michael Frenchko and Lyndsay Frenchko.
- Adam Duane Blackall, a boy, 9 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Pfc. Douglas Blackall II and Heather Blackall.

### December 24

• Natalee Sol Rivera, a girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Miguel A. Rivera and Claudia Lisnosky.

### **December 25**

• *Dylan Xavier Bonifield*, a boy, 9 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Bonifield and Chrystal Bonifield.

### December 27

- Jaeden Rai Bailey, a boy, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Justin Bailey and Francis Bailey.
- Samuel Lee Deemer, a boy, 7 pounds, 11

ounces, born to Sgt. John Deemer and Margaret Deemer.

• *Amira Rhianna Stewart*, a girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Patrick Stewart and Spc. Latoya Stewart.

#### December 28

- Katlyn Rose Hatterer, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born
- Katlyn Rose Hatterer, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. William Frank Campney and Tina Louise Hatterer.
- *Greiden Riley Jusay Mullins*, a boy, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Pfc. Brandy J. Mullins.
- Anthony Michael Rogillio, a boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounces, born to Spc. Troy M. Rogillio and Spc. Pamela D. Rogillio.
- Emanuel Jacob Velazquez, a boy, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Spc. Calixto E. Velazquez and Samantha N. Velazquez.

#### December 29

 Joseph Cash Gwinn, a boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Waylon Gwinn and Laura Gwinn.

#### **December 30**

 Di'zaya Jateria Ahmani Marie Spurlock, a girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Jeremy Spurlock and Parinda Spurlock.

### **December 31**

- Jasmine Marie Claridy, a girl, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Sgt. 1st Class Stan R. Claridy and Dawn Peay-Claridy.
- Desirae Destiny Givens, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pfc. Andrew Givens and Danyale Givens.

### January 2

• Dominic Eric Alvarado, a boy, 9 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Cpl. Armando Alvarado Jr. and Raquel Alvarado.

### **Winn Briefs**

### Winn/Tuttle observing holiday

Jan. 21 is Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, a federal holiday. On Jan. 21, services at Winn Army Community Hospital will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. The pharmacy will be closed Jan. 21. Full operations will resume Jan. 22.

All services, to include the pharmacy, at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Lloyd C. Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed Jan. 21. Full operations will resume Jan. 22.

For more information, call 435-6965.

### Parking lot repairs

Certain sections of the parking lot at Winn Army Community Hospital is closed starting Dec. 17 for phase one of repair and resurfacing. The projected completion date for the entire project is Feb 15. Please exercise caution in the parking lot during this time.

### Clinic moving

The Orthopedic and Podiatry Clinic will be relocating back to Winn Army

Community Hospital. The clinic will be closed Feb. 1-5, but emergency treatment will be provided through Winn's Emergency Department. A Fracture Clinic only will be held Feb. 6 at the Winn location. Feb. 7 will be for WTU/OIF returnees and Soldiers deploying only. Feb. 8 will be for regularly scheduled patients on a limited schedule.

The Orthopedic and Podiatry clinic will be fully operational at its Winn location Feb. 11. For more information, please call 435-6633.

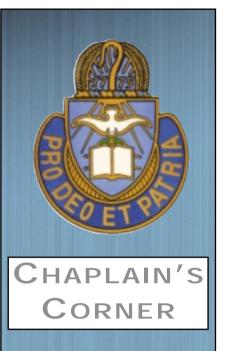
### **ASAP for Families**

Effective Dec. 5, the Army Substance Abuse Program Counseling Center is offering prevention, education and treatment opportunities for military retirees and Family members (18 years and older).

Walk-in hours are 7:30- 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 12:30 - 3 p.m. Thursdays. The center is located at 944 William H. Wilson Ave., Bldg. 620, Fort Stewart. Questions, call 767-5265.

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# Take 'do over', get second chance with Christ



Chap. (Capt.) Phillip Raybon 92nd Engineer Battalion

Have you ever had a day where you just blew it? I mean one of those days where anything and everything that could go wrong did! How many of you can look back at a certain event in the year 2007 and say, "I wish I would have handled that differently." I believe I would be safe in assuming that we have all had those days.

I love to watch children at play. As a father, I know that the innocence of a child is a wonderful sight to behold. Children, like adults, have their own ground rules and rites of passage that they closely follow. One of their ground rules is what has been called the, "Do Over". When something goes wrong for them, they simply shout, "Do over", and whatever they did wrong is erased from the record books. They were given a second chance

As adults, wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to incorporate the, "Do Over", when we experi-

ence those days when everything goes wrong? Wouldn't it be wonderful to shout, "Do over," and have our past mistakes erased? Now, some of you may be thinking, that's impossible! That can't be right! Chaplain Raybon, do you honestly think we can have a, "Do over?" Yes I do, and I will tell you the reason why. The teachings of the Bible clearly demonstrates that we can have a, "Do over" no matter how bad we have blown it and no matter how bad the mistake. I will also tell you that I firmly believe in the "Do over" philosophy because I have been given that "Do over," a second chance in my life and walk with Christ. My friends, if you have not yet asked for a "Do over", I want you to know that you can ask for one today.

Today, we will take a look at a man named Saul. This man was a persecutor of the church and Christians. He had the power to bring any man or woman who professed to be a Christian to the High Priest as prisoners. This man stood by and watched as Steven, that faithful champion of

Christ was stoned to death. In fact, by his own admission, he approved of his death and stood by to guard the coats of the men who killed Steven.

Saul, however, was not a violent man. He honestly thought that he was following the will of God. He was sincere in his beliefs about God; however, he was sincerely wrong. As he traveled down the road to Damascus, he was confronted by the very person he was persecuting, Jesus Christ. In an amazing act of grace, Saul was not struck dead on that day. He was given a second chance. In fact, he would later be known by the Greek name, Paul.

History, and even Paul himself, tells us that he was a persecutor of the church. However, we also know that Paul used his second chance to be one of the greatest Christians who ever lived. This one time persecutor of the church converted to true Christianity and authored 2/3 of the New Testament that we have today.

My friends, God is a God of second chances. You can have that do over.

### **Chapel Schedule Fort Stewart** Location Kids' Church(K to 6th grade) .......Across from Dia. Elem. ......11 a.m. Islamic Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084. **Hunter Army Airfield** Sunday Mass ......11 a.m.

Sunday Service ....... 9 a.m.

**Religious Education Contacts** 

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789. Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825.

Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.

# Kids Church

### **Exciting Bible Lessons**

with music, puppets, videos, crafts, games

11 a.m. to noon, Sunday at Stewart School at Services or at Hunter, 9:15 a.m. Sunday, at the Hunter Chapel Fellowship Hall.

### For all kids Grade K-6

### Stewart Bus Schedule

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

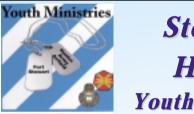
10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, call 767-6831 at Stewart or at Hunter call, 315-315-5934.



## Stewart-Hunter Youth Ministires

**Fort Stewart** 

Junior and Senior High School Students!

6:30 to 8 p.m., Sunday at Vale Chapel in Bryan Village.

For more information call 877-7207

### **Hunter Army Airfield**

Join us for Motivating Fun!

1 to 3 p.m.

the first and third Sunday of each month at the Religious Education Center, building 129, next to Hunter Chapel

For more information call 315-5934

# A ttend Marriage 101

Protestant

The unit ministry team conducts a marriage 101 seminar the fourth Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Chapel.

The session is for singles, engaged couples, newlyweds, and seasoned partners. The materials are provided as well as lunch.

For more information or to make reservations, call the Family Life Chaplain, at 767-7028.



# Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

### **Live Oak Public Libraries programs**

Activities sponsored by the Liberty Branch Library and Midway-Riceboro Branch Library include these events: Preschool Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, and more for ages 3-4 Monday at 10:30 a.m., Jan. 28.

Tree Tots Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, and more for ages 1-2, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Jan 22 and 29.

Tea & Tales Book Group

Tea & Tales will be reading Firebird by Janice Graham at 5:30 p.m., Jan. 24 at the Midway-Riceboro Branch Library. For more information, call 884-5742.

Introduction to PowerPoint

A beginner's course on how to use this presentation software will be offered at the Liberty Branch Library at 11 a.m., Jan. 26. Learn how to create multi-media presentations for school and business. Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows or comparable experience. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

### **Human Resource Management meeting held**

Coastal Society of Human Resource Management meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. If you are a human resource professional and would like to attend a meeting or receive more information, please feel free to contact Holly Stevens-Brown, chapter president, at 876-3564.

### New job Web site announced for Veterans

The American Legion and Avue Technologies have

launched a joint Web site, www.vetjobs.us, to substantially increase employment opportunities in the federal government for America's returning veterans.

The new site will be free to all users and will not contain advertising of any kind.

### Secret Garden performed

The Secret Garden will be presented Jan. 19-21, and 26-28 at the Savannah Children's Theatre 2160 E. Victory Drive. For more information, call 238-9015 or visit online at www.savannahchildrenstheatre.org.

### 18th Annual Black Heritage Festival slated

An exhibition will be presented at the Sankofa African-American Museum on Wheels by the Savannah State University at the Massie Heritage Interpretation Center, 207 E. Gordon Street, Jan. 28-Feb. 2.

An experiential learning exhibit of artifacts that depicts a historical and chronological journey of African Americans. For more information, call 691-6847 or visit online at www.savs-

### See the Jazz Odyssey with Chris Chandler

Savannah native and ASCAP Award recipient Chris Chandler will perform with John Kennedy, Billy Hoffman and Clair Frasier 5 p.m., Jan. 28 at the Cobblestone Conch House, 225 W. River St. For more information or tickets, which are \$10 for general admission, call 675-5419 or www.coastal-jazz.org.

### **Discover the Girl Scout Movement**

Discover how Juliette Gordon Low, known for antics, artistic talent and disorganization founded the world's largest organization for girls and women, Jan. 24.

Professional staff leads this lively tour at 10 East Ogelthorpe Ave., by reservation only. For more information, call 233-4501.

### **Isaiah Davenport House Museum presents**

Join in one of Savannah's Madeira traditions and experience the historic atmosphere of the Davenport House while learning about and tasting this unique and flavorful wine at the Isaiah Davenport House Museum, which presents "Potable Gold" at 5:30 p.m, Feb. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 22, 23, and 29. The program will last one hour.

The Isaiah Davenport House Museum, is located at 324 East State Street, Savannah on the corner of State and Habersham

Patrons are oriented to the long and rich tradition of Madeira wine as it related to the history of Savannah and then participate in a simulated Madeira party.

During the experience patrons will sample two types of Madeira and see the historic house at dusk. The program will

For information or reservations call 236-8097 or email jcre-

Reservations must be received 24 hours in advance, fourperson minimum, 14-person maximum. \$20 per person, All participants must be 21 years of age of older.

# Military thanks Savannah Board of Realtors

**Kaytrina Curtis Hunter Public Affairs** 

Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, Lt. Col. Dan Whitney, and Lt. Col. John McNally, rear detachment commander, Combat Aviation Brigade, presented the Savannah Board of Realtors with certificates and a coin of appreciation for the continued support provided to military Families on Hunter Army Airfield during the holiday season.

This past Christmas season, the Savannah Board of Realtors donated more than 100 gifts, toys and food items to Family members. The appreciation was felt not just by the recipients but also by the command, especially during this time of deployment when Families may miss their loved ones the

"Thank you for not only this gracious gift during the holiday season, for some of these Soldiers, Sailors, Marine Corps folks who needed that little extra push during the holiday season, but thank you for being a great citizen of the coastal empire," said Whitney.

McNally also thanked the realtors for the wonderful support that they have shown to the Combat Aviation Brigade this past holiday season.

"You take care of us," McNally said. "You introduce us to your community and I will say (with) just my personal experience in Savannah, this is the most outstanding, giving community, and the most supportive community for the military that I have experienced in my 18-year career."



# The Golden Compass, not worth the controversy

Commentary by: Sasha McBrayer Fort Stewart Museum

Some Christian groups have openly called group of pirate gypsies called the Gyptians, she seems driven by fate. There is talk of for a boycott of the much advertised fantasy adventure film "The Golden Compass." Why? To start, the author of the tree books in the trilogy, "His Dark Materials" (upon which Compass is based), Phillip Pullman, is a very vocal atheist. While many atheist writers create brilliant works enjoyed by all sorts of people, Pullman has very vocally bashed the Catholic Church and criticized Christian novelist, C.S. Lewis and his fantasy piece, "The Chronicles of Narnia". He has imbued his negative spirit into his three fantasy

"The Golden Compass" film is about a little girl from a universe parallel to ours. Her name is Lyra, easy for me to remember, because she seems to be a pathological liar, and liar and Lyra sound alike. This, too, has been a subject of contention for religious groups. Lyra is a wild child who disobeys, and talks back in the film. Pullman asserts that children aught to be taught to question authority and learn self reliance.

Lyra's world is different than ours in that it is ruled tyrannically by a sinister religious organization known as the Magisterium. This entity seems to be Pullman's version of the Catholic Church. Characters in the film feebly attempt to defend the villainous Magisterium by saying people need to be told what to do. In fact, the group's only goals seem to be to control everybody, to hurt and kidnap children, and to stop research, discovery, and free thinking. Academics, scholars, warriors, witches, and even a hearty from the Magisterium. As the story unravels,

are the good guys fighting against the Magisterium and for freedom and free will. No where in this first film, however does the Magisterium practice any kind of worship, nor mention a deity they serve.

Lyra's world is also different because, whereas we live with our souls firmly inside our bodies, her people live with them outside their bodies in the form of an animal companion. As

children, these Jiminy Cricket-like companions, who can speak, by the way, are constantly shape-shifting. Lyra's for example is called Pan. He is sometimes a ferret (or rather a pine marten), sometimes a humming bird. a mouse, and even a cat. You can kill someone by killing their animal companion. You can injure the creature and their human will feel it. This is an interesting and creative aspect of the story; however Pullman makes the curious decision of calling these animal souls "dæmons", which is naturally unsettling. I would like to believe there is solid reason for this name choice. Perhaps the author is trying to suggest that our inner demons (or outer ones in this case) make us more interesting or more complete. Regardless, these dæmons chose one shape as the person becomes an adult.

And so it goes that Lyra stumbles into a dangerous journey to save missing children

> prophecy. She is special. Yet things come together quite coincidentally. Along the way see meets my favorite character, Ioerk Byrnison, a giant talking polar bear, voiced dynamically by Ian McKellen (you may know him as Gandalf or Magneto). Ioerk is obviously Pullman's answer to "Aslan", the Lion of the Narnia universe. Where Aslan is bold and wise; a Christ-figure who

dies and resurrects to save his people, Ioerk is a dejected alcoholic bear, cheated from his throne and his great armor (which is somehow his soul) when we first meet him. Lyra helps him to regain all that he has lost. Ioerk is brave and fiercely loyal. He is a beautiful, flawed creature, and makes for a touching relationship with the girl.

The cast of Compass is rounded out by underused Daniel Craig (the new 007), the stunning Eva Green, and the utterly delightful Sam Elliot. Of course Nicole Kidman is the sinisterly beautiful villain (and face of the Magisterium) who does a wonderful job of being scary. She also explains to the press that the Catholic Church is part of her "essence" and she'd not have involved herself with the film if she believed it anti-

Catholic. Her character is interesting because author Pullman has suggested that C.S. Lewis is sexist. In Narnia, the eldest girl child forgets her fantastic adventures as she ages. Some believe Lewis meant that young girls discovering boys somehow makes them evil. Pullman's adult female character, however is cruel and psychotic, and in the novels continuously skips back and forth between the side of good and evil. She can't seem to make up her mind. She's also a terrible mother.

While Compass does look quite pretty, the warmth and a magic felt in films like Narnia, Harry Potter, and Lord of the Rings seems missing from the film. Many things were ill explained and confusing. I felt I was watching one man's complaint, not someone's imagination unfurled, not a story worth telling because it was fabulous on its own, but rather someone's desperate attempt to belittle other creative works.

All in all I do not believe the film was worth the controversy, though Christians should be aware that in the final book Lyra and her companions help kill the god of their universe. It might be extreme to say they kill God, but there is a kind of deity and he does die. For children's literature, it is quite alarming. That being said, even atheist groups have shown disapproval over the film spawned from Pullman's attempts to water down the films from his original books. In the end American audiences are clever enough to decide whether the film is good or bad and whether its themes and intentions are good



# Meet Dr. Tami M. Prince

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# **Volunteer Spotlight**

ngela Miles-McDuffie of Jamaica is an American Red Cross volunteer working in the Patient Administration Division at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Miles-McDuffie volunteers because she wants to give to the military community as well as to gain some job experience for her school courses. Her interests and hobbies include reading, church activities and spending time with

If you'd like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Shanken at 435-6903.



# **Army Community Service**

Real-Life Solutions for Successful Army Living

Page. Our mission is to provide services to support readiness of Soldiers, their Families, and communities to promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability. We offer training classes, support groups, and Family advocacy programs. Services are offered to Active, retired, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers and their Family members, regardless of branch of service. Department of Defense civilian employees (NAF and APF) are also eligible for most services, as are their Family members. ACS is a member of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's military.

For information or to register for programs at Fort Stewart, please call 767-5058. For information and registration at Hunter Army Airfield, please call 315-6816.

### Visit Newcomer's Expo at Hunter

Soldiers and Family members who are new to the area are invited to discover the many services available at Hunter Army Airfield and in Savannah, Jan. 24. The Newcomer's Expo will be held at Hunter Club from 4 to 6 p.m. with a variety of community information, door prizes, and refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other Families and learn more about your new community. For information, contact ACS relocation manager, Larry Stanley at 315-2694.

### Take Women's Investment class

Sign up now for a new class designed specifically for women to help you plan for the future. Women's Investments will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m.. Jan. 22, at the ACS Classroom, building 86. You will learn simple techniques for selecting solid investment choices, giving you the foundation to build a savings plan for your future. To register, call 767-5058.

### Participate in FRG training

At Fort Stewart, Key Caller Training will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Jan. 22. This class covers the responsibilities of Key Callers, as well as problem-solving techniques and how to communicate effectively with Families. Training for FRG liaison officers is 9:30 to 11:30 a.m, Jan. 25. Forum provides an opportunity for FRG LNOs to meet and discuss ideas on how to best support their Families within their respective brigades and battalions. Reservations are required. Please call 767-5058 to register. FRG Leader Training will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 29 at Hunter Army Airfield. Topics include FRG organization, structure, leader roles, resources, fund raising, budget management, recruitment and management of volunteers. On Jan. 30, a company-level FRG Leaders Forum will be held from 9 am. to noon, and again that evening from 5 to 8 p.m. Open to all company-level FRG Leaders, this is an opportunity to share ideas, information, and resources. Key Caller Training will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m, Jan. 31. Topics include Key Caller duties, communicating with Family members, dispelling rumors, handling crisis calls, and how the Key Caller fits into a successful FRG. FRG trainings at Hunter Army Airfield will be held at the Religious Education Center, building 129. Child care must be reserved by calling 315-6115. For more information or to register for FRG training, please call 315-6816.

### Teens invited to become millionaires

An educational workshop for teens ages 13 and up will teach the secrets of becoming a millionaire. Taught by an educator from the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program, this workshop will be held 5 p.m., Jan. 24 the Fort Stewart Youth Center, bldg. 7338. Registration by Jan. 21. Call CYS at 767-4491 to sign up, and start on your path to millions!

### **Build your Family team**

Prepare your Family to move successfully into the future and succeed in all aspects of military life. Sign up now for free classes offered through the Army Family Team Building program. A three-day instructor training session will be held Jan. 23-25 at Hunter where you can learn to be an effective instructor and put your skills to work immediately teaching AFTB classes. Call 315-6816 to register. Upcoming classes at Stewart include a Level III course designed to enhance professional growth and leadership development, especially for those who might assume advisory and mentoring roles. The class will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 6 - 8. Other February classes include Army Basics 201, Feb. 11; Level II, Feb. 13-15; and the new Dogface Soldier for Families class, Feb. 20. Call ACS at 767-5058 to register and for child care information.

### Get help with your job search

On Jan. 24, come to an Employment and Career Orientation class at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center, building 100. Offered by your Army Community Service Employment Readiness program, the class runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and provides information about the jobs, education, and volunteering resources available within a 45-mile radius. You'll also get an overview of the current job market and the latest hot job leads. On Jan. 31, a Resume Writing Workshop will be held at Army Community Service, building 86. You'll get help building a marketable resume so you can land the job you want. Call 767-5058 to register for Employment Readiness classes at Stewart.

### **EFMP Bowling**

A fun night of bowling for Family members enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program will be held 6 p.m., Feb. 4 at Marne Lanes. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other Army Families and enjoy an evening of active bowling with your Family and the EFMP staff. Please call ACS at 767-5058 to sign-up.

### New! Aerobics class for breast cancer survivors

The Exceptional Family Member Program introduces "Healing Body Moves" for breast cancer survivors. This weekly aerobics class is limited to 20 participants, so register now for the first class held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m, Feb. 7 at Club Stewart. Contact Army Community Service at 767-5058 to sign up.

### **Baby Basic Training for new dads**

New fathers are invited to take a class that helps teach what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery. You will also learn how to hold, diaper, dress, and bathe your new baby. Taught by a qualified educator who is also an experienced father, this class will give you the important skills you need to be a hands-on dad. Classes are held on Wednesdays at 1:30

p.m. The next class will be held Jan. 23 at Hunter, and at Stewart, Feb. 6. To register, please call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

### **Strengthen Your Parenting Skills**

Parents of children ages 5-12 can learn new parenting skills to help make their lives a little easier by signing up for the next Active Parenting class. By learning problem-solving skills, steps to good communication, and effective discipline techniques, you will strengthen your Family relationship. This three-session workshop is offered Tuesday mornings at Fort Stewart beginning Feb. 5, and on Thursday afternoons at Hunter Army Airfield beginning Feb. 7. To register, call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

#### Learn to live without debt

It is possible to be free from debt when you learn how to get control of your finances and manage your money more effectively. Sign up now to attend "Life Without Debt," an educational workshop to be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m, Feb. 12 in the ACS classroom, building. 86 at Stewart. To register, call 767-5058

### Bring your child to play

Children up to age 5 are invited to enjoy music, toys, and fun with other children at the Army Community Service Play Group. At Fort Stewart, Play Group is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Bryan Village Youth Center. At Hunter Army Airfield, Play Group is held every Thursday at the Religious Education Center from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No need to register, just bring the kids to this fun gathering that provides activities for children while parents get a chance to chat and relax.

### **Get spouse support**

Hearts Apart, a support group for waiting spouses, meets every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Fort Stewart in building 443. Along with support and friendship, you'll enjoy cooking classes, crafts, and more. Bring the kids, too! For information, contact Army Community Service at 767-5058.

### Come to Coffee Groups

Grupo Hispanico Del Café, our Hispanic Coffee Group, begins Feb. 7. Deutscher Kaffee Klatsch, a German Coffee Group, begins Feb. 14.

The coffee groups are a great way for foreign-born spouses to meet friends with a similar cultural background to share fellowship and swap experiences. Both groups meet in the Leisure Activities building 443. Come have a good time and enjoy some refreshments over a cup of coffee. Children are welcome! Call 767-5058.

#### Help your relationship

Bring your partner and get ready to learn new skills for resolving conflicts in your relationship. The Couples Communication program is offered Monday mornings beginning Feb. 11 at and on Thursday mornings beginning Feb. 14 at Hunter Army Airfield. Call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter to register for the next Couples Communication class.

# - WANTED

The CID office is conducting an investigation regarding the larceny of
• a Dell Computer, Model# DIM2400CRT17, SN# 1V8T •JVC 27î Television, Model# AV27F476, SN# 11024661 •Washer and

Dryer, Model# WTW5100SQ, WED5300SQ, SN# CU0220911, MU0202133 •Bedroom set and numerous items of TA-50s, which occurred at 7009E Libby Court, Fort Stewart, Ga., on July 21, 2007.

Please provide any information to the US Army Criminal Investigation Command, Fort Stewart CID Office, 30th MP Detachment (CID) Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314. Office: 912-767-4411, DSN: 870-4411 Case Number 0211-07-CID093

All information will remain anonymous.

### **BRIEFS**

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#### Warriors in transition

Charles McClain, ombudsman, is here at Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield to assist Warriors in Transition and their Families regardless of whether the issue is related to medical matters.

Please contact Mr. McClain at 435-5415 or cell at 980-8143, email: *mac. mcclain2@amedd.army.mil* or visit his office in the Lloyd C. Hawks Troop Medical Clinic at 192 Lindquist Rd., Fort Stewart, Room 104.

New ASAP hours

The Army Substance Abuse Program Counseling Center has new hours for walk-ins (i.e. Soldiers who are being referred for the first time for screening and Soldier with prior enrollments being referred for screening.) 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 12:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, call Mrs. Graham at 767-5265 or 767-5267.

### Let's hear from you

We need you, our customer, to take our Winn Survey.

Please stop by the Patient Service on the first floor of the hospital, suite CH32, to take our 5-minute computer survey about your visit at Winn on the day of your visit.

### Clinic's new location

As of Oct. 9, Winn Army Community Hospital's Behavioral Health Clinic is now located at 1083 Worcester Ave., Building. 9242 Fort Stewart, across the street from Winn. For more information, please call 767-1647.

Volunteers welcome

Winn Army Community Hospital is seeking adult volunteers who are interested in performing administrative, clerical or clinical duties throughout the hospital.

The next hospital volunteer orientation is scheduled for 9 a.m., Feb. 1 at Winn's Patriot Auditorium.

For more information, call Brigitte Shanken, 435-6903, or send an e-mail to brigitte.shanken @amedd.army.mil.

### Care meeting

Interested in becoming a patient advisor? Help us help you by join-

ing the Patient and Family Centered Care Advisory Council meeting at Winn Army Community Hospital or Tuttle Army Health Clinic.

Winn's meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m., Jan. 28 at Winn's Patriot Auditorium. Questions call Linda King at 435-6225 or e-mail Linda.king2@se.amedd.army.mil.

Patient and Family Centered Care standards include involving patients and Families in all aspects of the planning and delivery of healthcare services.